PSC SETS HEARING SCHEDULE IN MISSOURI-AMERICAN RATE CASES

Jefferson City (November 4, 1999)---The Missouri Public Service Commission will hold hearings in May in water and sewer rate cases filed by the Missouri-American Water Company. The hearings, to be held in the Commission's hearing room which is located on the fifth floor of the Truman State Office Building in Jefferson City, are scheduled to begin on **May 9, 2000**. These hearings will continue through **May 15, 2000**, if necessary. Anyone wishing to attend the hearings who has special needs as addressed by the Americans With Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten days prior to the hearings at one of the following numbers: Consumer Services Hotline--1-800-392-4211, or TDD Hotline--1-800-829-7541.

Applications to intervene and participate in these cases must be filed on or before November 17, 1999, with Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts, Secretary, Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. Copies of the application to intervene should be sent to: W.R. England, III, Brydon, Swearengen & England, P.C., P.O. Box 456, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0456 and the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 7800, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

On October 15, 1999, the Missouri-American Water Company filed water and sewer rate cases with the Missouri Public Service Commission. The Missouri-American Water Company seeks to increase water revenues by \$16.4 million (53.97%) a year and sewer revenues by approximately \$2,360 (5%) a year. The impact on a residential customer using approximately 6,000 gallons (8 Ccf) of water a month in each district of the Missouri-American Water Company appears below:

<u>District</u>	Current Monthly Bill	Proposed Monthly Bill	<u>% Increase</u>
Brunswick	\$17.67	\$26.70	51%
Joplin	\$17.67	\$26.70	51%
Mexico	\$17.67	\$26.70	51%
Parkville (Wate	er) \$17.67	\$26.70	51%
St. Charles	\$17.67	\$26.70	51%
St. Joseph	\$17.67	\$26.70	51%
Warrensburg	\$17.67	\$26.70	51%
Parkville (Sewe	er) \$38.99	\$40.94	5%

The Missouri-American Water Company serves approximately 95,022 water customers and 101 sewer customers in Missouri. Missouri-American serves approximately 486 water customers in its Brunswick District, approximately 22,058 water customers in its Joplin District, approximately 4,977 water customers in its Mexico District, approximately 4,465 water customers and 101 sewer customers in its Parkville District, approximately 25,971 water customers in its St. Charles District, approximately 31,068 water customers in its St. Joseph District and approximately 5,997 water customers in its Warrensburg District.

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